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IKEDA NAOKI(54) **PRODUCTION OF SILICON EPITAXIAL WAFER**

(57) Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To exhibit sufficient gettering effect by cutting a silicon single crystal, where the carbon concentration is increased at a specified oxygen concentration, into a silicon wafer and annealing the silicon wafer at low temperature for a short time before growing an epitaxial film on the surface of the wafer mirror finished on the opposite sides.

SOLUTION: A silicon single crystal being pulled by

Czochralski method while controlling the oxygen concentration in the range of $12-18 \times 10^{17}$ atoms/cm³ and the carbon concentration in the range of $0.3-2.5 \times 10^{16}$ atoms/cm³ is cut into a silicon wafer which is then annealed at a temperature of 60-900°C for 15 min-4 hour. Subsequently, one or both side of the silicon wafer is mirror finished and an epitaxial film is grown thereon. According to the method, sufficient gettering effect can be exhibited.

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